

Cole County Jail
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1825. The walls are limestone. The first floor was designed to contain the Sheriff's quarters, with the iron sheathed cells for the prisoners on the second floor. The thick limestone walls and tiny barred windows have prevented the escape of any prisoner during its 111 years of usefulness. The "Bull Pen" has original iron grill door and lock, and the walls with their sheathing of iron. The windows are quite small and have two sets of bars.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the ~~records~~ records for MO-1800.